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1. AGREE WITH DEPARTMENT THAT URGENT ACTION CALLED FOR HERE, AND I ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO DEVELOP GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION ON PART OF SENATE COMMITTEE STAFF. SHOULD SENATE STAFF POSITION BECOME KNOWN HERE, IT WOULD UNDERMINE NOT ONLY LAJES ACCORD BUT ALSO OUR ENTIRE PROGRAM OF SUPPORT FOR PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. AS REFTTEL NOTES, GOP WOULD BE FORCED INTO UNHELPFUL POSTURE; PORTUGAL'S DIGNITY WOULD HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED AND PCP WOULD HAVE A FIELD DAY. USG WOULD BE CATIGATED BY ALL PARTIES AS HYPOCRITICAL.

2. I HOPE DEPARTMENT DID NOT MAKE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO INOUE'S STAFF CONDITIONING LOAN ON LAJES AGREEMENT-- MAKING US IN EFFECT PARTY TO WHAT THE GOP IS LIABLE TO VIEW AS DISINGENUOUS ACT.

3. WHILE JUNE DATE FOR FORMAL AGREEMENT IS PROBABLY IMPRACTICAL, I CONTINUE TO THINK IT IS POSSIBLE TO WRAP UP INFORMAL STAGE QUICKLY. VILLAS BOAS AGREES, AND SOARES
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AND EANES ARE BOTH RECEPTIVE. BUT WE WILL HAVE TO ADOPT A DIFFERENT TACTIC SINCE WORKING LEVEL AND FOREIGN MINISTER--WHO COULD BE PART OF THE PROBLEM RATHER THAN THE SOLUTION--WILL WONDER WHAT HAS PRODUCED SUDDEN SENSE OF URGENCY ON OUR SIDE. PRESENT GOP PROCEDURES ARE SUCH THAT WE ARE UNLIKELY TO HAVE ANYTHING CONCRETE TO PRESENT TO INOUE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE WITHOUT AN EXTRA PUSH FROM HIGH

LEVEL GOP.

4. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO HAVE A PRIVATE AND FRANK DISCUSSION WITH SOARES OUTLINING THE PROBLEM AND GIVING HIM AN OVERALL FIGURE OF AID WE ARE PREPARED TO SUPPLY (E.G. DOLS 120 MILLION, DOLS 150 MILLION, OR DOLS 200 MILLION). FIGURE SHOULD BE OUR ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM, AND HE SHOULD CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT. WE SHOULD ASSUME HE IS AN ALLY IN THIS CASE, WHICH I THINK HE IS, AND TREAT HIM AS SUCH.

5. ALL THIS WOULD BE IN STRICT CONFIDENCE. I WOULD ASK HIM TO DIRECT FONMIN TO DEVELOP FIRM GOP POSITION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF THIS FIGURE. FONMIN POSITION WOULD BE DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH EMBASSY AND WASHINGTON VISITORS AND THEN PRESENTED BY VILLAS BOAS TO AZOREANS. IF NECESSARY I SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH AZOREANS TO MAKE CLEAR TO THEM THAT FIGURE REPRESENTS MAXIMUM USG CAN PROVIDE. UNORTHODOX AS THIS MAY APPEAR IN CONTEXT OF TRADITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS, IT IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO CONVINCE GOP TO MOVE FAST. GOP WANTS US TO TAKE THEM OFF THE POLITICAL HOOK WITH THE AZOREANS (WHO ARE ALREADY CHARGING GOP CAPITULATION), AND THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO DO IT QUICKLY.

6. I AM NOT RECOMMENDING DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOARES. IF WE TRIED THAT, HE MIGHT DEFER TO MEDEIROS FERREIRA. BUT SOARES'S PUSH IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO GALVANIZE THE INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE, WHICH INCLUDES THE CONFIDENTIAL

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AZOREANS, INTO SPEEDING UP ITS DELIBERATIONS. THERE ARE NO INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLES IF OUR OVERALL QUID IS REASONABLE. ALL WE HAVE TO AGREE UPON IS HOW MUCH AND WHAT FORM, AND THEN TRY AND SHIELD THE GOP FROM THE INEVITABLE CRITICISM FROM THE AZOREANS FOR ACCEPTING TOO LITTLE--NO MATTER WHAT IT IS. THE SOONER WE CAN FORCE THIS PROCESS THE BETTER.

7. IF WE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE, AND I GET TO SOARES WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO, TIMING OF VISIT FOR SECOND WEEK IN JUNE IS ABOUT RIGHT AND I CONCUR, BEARING IN MIND THAT JUNE 9, 10, AND 13 ARE LOCAL HOLIDAYS MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR VILLAS BOAS TO CONVENE HIS TASK FORCE.

8. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT WE SHOULD DO ALL POSSIBLE TO AVOID HAVING VISIT BECOME PUBLIC. VISITORS FROM WASHINGTON SHOULD BE LIMITED TO TWO AND NOT DESCRIBED TO GOP AS REPRESENTATIVES OR DELEGATES.
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